

# WHAT'S *New*



in the Metropolitan Police Department

*A weekly update for residents, visitors,  
and workers in the District of Columbia*

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## MPDC ANNOUNCES FIRST FOUR CCTV CAMERAS TO HELP COMBAT CRIME IN DC NEIGHBORHOODS

The MPDC this week began deploying the first four Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras designed to help combat crime in DC neighborhoods, and the Department plans to deploy approximately two dozen CCTV cameras by the end of August and 23 more cameras during September. The first four CCTV cameras are being deployed at the following locations: 1500-1700 blocks of Benning Road, NE; 14th and Girard Streets, NW; 400 block of O Street, NW; and 1200 block of Valley Avenue, SE. In selecting locations for CCTV cameras, the Chief of Police is required by law to consider calls for police service, reported crimes and other public safety indicators, as well as recommendations or requests from Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and civic or citizen associations. The cameras, which focus on public space only, will operate 24 hours a day. The cameras will be “passively monitored” by the MPDC, meaning that officers generally will not be watching the camera feeds in real time. Rather, camera images will be recorded and then reviewed by police if there are reports of criminal activity in the area. The CCTV cameras are not equipped with audio overhear capabilities. The use of CCTV cameras to help fight crime in DC neighborhoods is permitted under the Enhanced Crime Prevention and Abatement Emergency Amendment Act of 2006, which the DC Council passed and Mayor Williams signed into law last month. The four cameras being deployed this week are temporary devices. Over the next several weeks, the MPDC will receive 46 new CCTV cameras that are specifically designed for public safety applications.

- ① Read the full news release at:  
<http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/2/release/9453>
- ① An FAQ fact sheet on the MPDC's use of CCTV to combat crime is available (in PDF) at:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/frames.asp?doc=/mpdc/lib/mpdc/info/programs/CCTV\\_neighborhood\\_FAQ.pdf](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/frames.asp?doc=/mpdc/lib/mpdc/info/programs/CCTV_neighborhood_FAQ.pdf)
- ① Residents interested in a CCTV camera in their neighborhood are encouraged to submit their recommendation in writing to the commander of their police district. Find out what district you live in by going to:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1239,q,5433,36,mpdcNav\\_GID,1523,mpdcNav,|.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1239,q,5433,36,mpdcNav_GID,1523,mpdcNav,|.asp)

## MPDC TAKES PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO UK TERROR PLOT

As news of the arrests in the reported terror plot in the United Kingdom unfolded this week, Chief Ramsey announced today that the MPDC was taking various precautionary measures designed to help keep DC safe. Specifically, the MPDC has activated its Joint Operations Command Center, including the network of 19 Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in the downtown area. The MPDC is encouraging all patrol officers to be vigilant, especially around transportation facilities, local government buildings and other critical infrastructure. The Chief has placed certain specialized units — the Special Operations Division and the Office of Homeland Security and Counter-Terrorism — on heightened alert and 12-hour tours of duty. All other units remain on normal schedules at this time, but as the Chief pointed out, MPDC officers are already working six-day work weeks as part of the crime emergency. The Department has implemented 100 percent identification checks at all MPDC facilities, and is maintaining contact with various other local and federal agencies. The Department is also encouraging residents to be vigilant themselves and to report any suspicious activity or materials to the police right away.

- ① Read Mayor Williams's statement on the UK terror plot at:  
<http://dc.gov/news/release.asp?id=959>
- ① The MPDC is using this latest terror threat to remind businesses to be vigilant and to report suspicious activities to the MPDC's Operation TIPP hotline — 1-877-YOU-WATCH. For details on the Terrorist Incident Prevention Program, click on:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1238,q,555173,mpdcNav\\_GID,1578,mpdcNav,|32355|.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1238,q,555173,mpdcNav_GID,1578,mpdcNav,|32355|.asp)

## AUGUST CHAMPS CEREMONY RECOGNIZES OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

Earlier this year, Officer Gary Glenn of the Fifth District responded to the 400 block of Edgewood Street, NE, for sounds of gunshots. A witness on the scene, the Edgewood Apartments complex, advised Officer Glenn that several subjects wearing dark masks were firing a weapon in the area. Officer Glenn canvassed the complex and observed two individuals wearing dark masks and matching the description. Upon approaching the individuals, Officer Glenn noticed an unusual bulge in the waistband area of one of the subjects. The subject reached for the left side of his waistband area, and immediately Officer Glenn grabbed the subject's waistband and felt an object that he recognized as a handgun. Officer Glenn and the subject began to struggle over possession of the weapon. During the struggle, the second individual threw a punch at him. Officer Glenn, using his police instincts and being aware of the dangerous situation, released the subject. Both men fled on foot, but Officer Glenn stayed calm and gave a clear and precise lookout of the subjects and their direction of travel. The two suspects were apprehended by assisting units a short time later, and a canvass of the subjects' path revealed a .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol loaded with 11 rounds of ammunition. A search warrant for the suspects' residence uncovered a shotgun, more ammunition, drug paraphernalia and \$1,700 in US currency. For his combination of bravery, keen observation skills and instincts in helping to safely apprehend two armed offenders, Officer Glenn was recently honored during the monthly CHAMPS awards ceremony. He was one of 15 members honored.

## GOING AWAY THIS MONTH? DON'T MAKE YOUR HOME AN OPEN INVITATION TO BURGLARS

August in DC is traditionally a month in which many residents head out of town. Of course, this also creates opportunities for burglars. DC homeowners are encouraged to watch out for their neighbors and make sure their homes aren't an open invitation to burglars. This time of year, campaign literature, restaurant menus, contractor advertisements, newspapers (especially papers distributed for free), and other flyers left outside a house — all act as flags to potential burglars that the homeowner is away. While many community groups have advocated for advertisers to not leave items on stoops, railings, steps and the like, the practice continues. Our most effective alternative is for neighbors to look out for one another. If you are going to be away, ask a neighbor to periodically check outside your home and remove such items. If you notice a collection of these items outside a neighbor's house, remove the items as a courtesy. Your neighbor will appreciate it.

## NEWS & NOTES

**New Crime Emergency Statistics Released.** The latest statistics from the MPDC show that overall crime is down in DC by about 4.5 percent, and law enforcement activity — including arrests, firearm recoveries and curfew citations — is way up since Chief Ramsey declared the crime emergency on July 11. Access the latest data at: <http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/2/release/9446/year/2006>.

**Early 10 PM Curfew Remains in Effect.** Young people age 16 and younger, and their parents and guardians, are reminded that the curfew in DC now begins at 10 pm and ends at 6 am, seven nights a week. The earlier curfew hours remain in effect through at least August 30. For details on the curfew, go to <http://www.mpdc.dc.gov/curfew>.

- ① Read about all of their outstanding actions at:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1234,q,560675,mpdcNav\\_GID,1544.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1234,q,560675,mpdcNav_GID,1544.asp)
- ① CHAMPS, which stands for Capital Hotels Award Metropolitan Police Service, is a monthly awards program sponsored by the Hotel Association of Washington, DC, in appreciation and support of the MPDC's service to the community. This month's luncheon was held August 2 at the Willard InterContinental Hotel in Northwest.

- ① This helpful tip comes courtesy of the Chevy Chase Citizens Association, Public Safety Committee.
- ① The MPDC offers a number of burglary prevention tips at:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1237,q,547557,mpdcNav\\_GID,1553,mpdcNav,1.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1237,q,547557,mpdcNav_GID,1553,mpdcNav,1.asp)

### DATA BOX

**Homicides** as of 8/11/06  
◆ 2006: 111  
◆ 2005: 117  
◆ % Change: -5.1%  
◆ Closure Rate: 47.7% (53 closures)

**Adult Arrests** week end. 8/5/06  
◆ Total: 1,091  
◆ Weapons: 35  
◆ Robbery: 6  
◆ Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 18  
◆ Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 52  
◆ Narcotics: 211

**Juvenile Activity** week end. 8/5/05  
◆ Total Arrests: 67  
◆ Robbery: 3  
◆ Weapons: 0  
◆ Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 11  
◆ Curfew Violators: 393

**Firearm Recoveries** as of 8/9/06  
◆ August: 65  
◆ 2006 Total: 1,451

**Traffic Fatalities** as of 8/11/06  
◆ 2006: 26  
◆ 2005: 26  
◆ % Change: Unchanged

Information, ideas, or comments about this service? Send an e-mail to KEVIN MORISON, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at [kevin.morison@dc.gov](mailto:kevin.morison@dc.gov). Would you like to have this information e-mailed to you? Just go to our Website and register with [Crimereports.com](http://Crimereports.com).

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